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THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

Among the reasons for the small influence of the Press in these days, is its general tendency to exaggerate, and mis-state. Here is an example, taken from one of the most widely circulated religious papers in America, the Ram's Horn. It says: "That church (the Roman Catholic) is doing more than all others combined to subvert American institutions, but was worldly wise when it placed its highest institution of learning and the headquarters of its ecclesiastical authority on this continent at Washington."

While such talk takes with an ignorant person, an intelligent person sees that it is exaggerated, and loses his confidence in the Press, even the religious Press, that publishes such stuff. The last two judges, appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States by Protestant Presidents, were Roman Catholics. A marble statue to a Jesuit priest has been erected in the capitol building, near that of Lincoln.

Washington in 1802, left \$25,000 for the foundation of a National University. Had the amount been properly invested, the fund would now rise above \$5,000,000. But Protestants, controlling Senate and House, neglected the matter for over 90 years, and will hardly touch the ground for the National University before the year 1900. Those clever Roman Catholics—excellent business men—secured a valuable tract of land near Washington city, and their university rises in magnificent proportions. Protestantism, having shown the meanest business capacity, and spent nearly a century squatting on its haunches in Washington, now is scared, and shouts to the people: "The Roman Catholics are subverting American institutions." In the meantime, Pius XIII. has broken the windows which for some centuries have been tightly closed, and have barred out light and air from the theological plants of his church, and has let in the fresh, strong breeze, and the sunlight of intelligent democracy.

The conservative forces in the church tell him that he is simply sending that great institution to pot, and things are in a dreadful way. But he holds to his course. Then come associations, and papers like the Ram's Horn, that have lost confidence in the Almighty's power to rule the world, and tell us, substantially, that He is quite too frivolous in His doings, and that the Roman Catholics are really betting the best of Him, and something must be done about it at once.

Now the average American no longer believes such stuff. If he did, he would not permit children of the "Scarlet woman" to be put in high office, as Justice McKenna, a Roman Catholic has been put.

Everyone knows that the opinion of a man given to exaggeration has no value. The opinions of the Press, for the same reason have a decreasing value.

It is the practice of a great majority of newspapers to announce most solemnly, in a political campaign, that if the party they favor is not elected, the country will inevitably go to the dogs. And invariably, after the election, the country doesn't go to the dogs. As soon as a new campaign opens, the same old story is started. A new set of dogs are discovered, and the partisan Press describes to its readers the fearful fate of these who do not "whoop it up," and pictures the terrible force of the dog's teeth. In the case of the religious Press, as men slowly rise out of the traditional habit of religious thought, they come to regard with contempt the "going to the dogs" theory of an excited Press. The growth of the religious Mugwump journals like the Outlook is remarkably rapid.

Mrs. Gunn's dancing class did some exquisite work on Saturday evening. The execution of the Spanish dance, the dainty and faultless skip of the sailor lad, the stately movement of the Colonial minuet, was a credit to the children, as well as to their careful teacher. Only such an exhibition could crowd, as it did, Independence hall. It was the children's hour. Banked behind the little dancers were the eager parents and those who love the children, all watching the pure little brows yet unwritten with real care, yet finding life as full now of poetry as the gentle measures to which they gracefully moved. The old grey heads looked on, with the illusions of life behind them. Did not the grace of the Lilliputian minuet, for an instant, give

them "a breath from the immortal morn of youth?" They, looking back on the dust and heat and glare of the highway that begins at birth and ends at the final Wayside Inn, say with Longfellow:

"I nearer to the Wayside Inn,
When toil shall cease and rest begin,
Am weary thinking of your way."

The extract regarding Speaker Reed's attitude on the annexation question, which we publish in another column, contains what we have always believed to be a correct statement. Aside from a personal statement over his own signature, no one can speak with better authority than the paper edited by the Speaker's powerful lieutenant.

After publishing some weeks ago the story about the horse that saved the child in Cleveland, O., we at once wrote to the Chief of the Fire Department of the place, asking him if it was authentic. We have not received any reply. The story itself was so remarkable, it demanded verification.

FOR UNION STREET.

A Correspondent Has Faith In It as a Thoroughfare.

MR. EDITOR:—I noticed an item in your paper this morning headed "To close Union street" which has evidently been written on the information of people ignorant of the facts. For the information of those people and particularly the "street experts," I will give them some facts that they appear not to know or else have studiously ignored. The Legislature at its session, 1896, passed an act entitled "An Act to increase the width of certain streets in the District of Honolulu." In the first section of this Act, Union street is the second street named as one of the streets to be widened. The survey of this street as set forth in Section 5 of this Act shows that it will be widened 35 feet and the dangerous corner on the Monsarrat property entirely removed, and the street straightened. This will make of it a "useful and handsome street" to quote the language of the item above referred to. On the 10th of January, last, a petition signed by over 100 of the most prominent business firms and citizens of this city, was presented to the Executive Council, who, under this Act have authority to widen the streets named therein, praying them to cause said street to be widened in accordance with said Act. This shows that the general public do not agree with the "street experts." "The scheme" to widen Adams lane would not be "the best and cheapest and safest." 1. Not the best because it would bring it too close to Alaekaa street and would make of it a blind street leading nowhere, while on the other hand, the widening of Union street would be far more desirable for the public convenience, said street being the natural continuance of Emma street. Most of the traffic town wards from Emma street and from the Plains, coming along Beretania street, goes down this street. Not the best because it is against public policy to close

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streets, but rather to open, widen and extend them, and it would bring the question before the Courts of the right of the Legislature to close up a street. 2. Not the cheapest as it would cost from four to five times as much as the widening of Union street. After settling with the property holders on Adams lane, the Government would have to settle with the property holders on Union street and give them proper, just and full compensation for the damage done to their property by entirely closing up their frontages on said street. I do not think that the Queen's Hospital and the Roman Catholic Mission, and I am sure the Monsarrat's family, who all have large frontages on this street, will be at all satisfied with this "scheme." 3. As to the question of safety. When Union street is widened and straightened in accordance with the said Act, it will be as safe as any street in Honolulu.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. MONSARRAT.
Honolulu, February 24, 1898.

Benefit Concert

The concert to be given on Thursday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. hall for the benefit of the Free Kindergarten Association, will include selections by Mrs. C. B. Cooper, Mrs. Woodward, Miss Hyde, Miss Rice, Mr. Yarnley, Mr. Isenberg, Miss Alexander, Miss Cartwright, the pupils of Kawaiahao Seminary and the Kamehameha Schools.

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TIMELY TOPICS

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THE SIGHT

of so much water lying around is, in a sense, a pleasing one, since we are assured of full reservoirs and a consequent, though perhaps brief, opportunity of once more enjoying life in this "Pacific Paradise." Another thought is, however, apt to strike us, and that is the danger to be apprehended by reason of the faulty system of drainage—or should we say, the absence of a system, however faulty? The "Authorities that be" are devoting some attention to this matter just now, but the attention of Householders is directed to the part they are expected to play in the game of "Health Sanitation." Columns of space might easily be devoted to germs, microbes and other similar craft, which, unmolested, take up their abode in the water we drink and communicate to us the means by which our health is broken and our lives eventually lost.

Poets may dream of "good in everything," but just where the "good" of filling our "innards" with microbes comes in, the every day commonsense man cannot see. Science has discovered the insects, and science has placed the power of utterly destroying them in the hands of one and all. Physicians are all agreed upon the one point, that the best system of filtration is through stone, and this system is carried out in its highest form in the

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